GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
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EFFICIENCY OF PORTS .
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to increase the efficiency of ports in the country;

(b) if so, whether too much time is taken in loading and unloading the cargo from vessels;

(c) if so, the details of average time taken in loading and unloading of the cargo from vessels of various loading capacity; and

(d) the average more time taken in comparison to loading and unloading of cargo from ports of other developed countries ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): Yes, Sir.
(b): No, Sir. The loading & unloading rate at the ports is consistant with the available equipments and labour productivity.
(c): During the last three years, the average turn-round time of the vessels at Indian Major Ports has shown declining trend and out put per ship berth day has shown increasing trend, as may be seen below :
Average Turn Round Time Output per ship

(days) berth day(tonnes)

1996-97	7.5	4497	
1997-98	6.6		4634
1998-99	5.9		4915

(d): The level of mechanisation and management practices of the Ports indeveloped countries are different from those existing at Indian Ports. Therefore,it may not be possible to compare the Indian Ports with the Ports of other countries.